

**Ordinance No: 16-05**

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY,  
GEORGIA REVISING CHAPTER 82, TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, ARTICLE III  
PARKING, DIVISION 4. – INOPERATIVE VEHICLES AND TRAILERS, REPEALING  
ANY CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**THIS ORDINANCE** adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Columbia County, Georgia (the “Board”).

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to make certain text amendments to Chapter 82, Traffic and Vehicles, Article III Parking, Division 4 – Inoperative Vehicles and Trailers, of the Code of Ordinances of Columbia County, Georgia (the “Code”), to amend and further clarify the restrictions on the parking of inoperative vehicles, trailers, recreational vehicles and large vehicles.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same as follows:

Section 1. Deletion of the current Chapter 82, Traffic and vehicles, Article III Parking, Division 4 – Inoperative Vehicles and Trailers and adoption of a replacement for said division. Chapter 82, Traffic and Vehicles, Article III Parking, Division 4 – Inoperative Vehicles and Trailers is hereby deleted in its entirety and there is inserted in lieu thereof a new Chapter 82, Traffic and Vehicles, Article III Parking, Division 4 – Inoperative Vehicles and Trailers to read as set forth in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and made a part hereof.

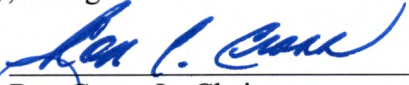
Section 2. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances. Any Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance shall be repealed to the extent necessary to eliminate such conflict.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon the date of its adoption following the second reading of the Ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED this 29 day of March, 2016, by the Board of Commissioners of Columbia County, Georgia.

Board of Commissioners of Columbia  
County, Georgia

By:

  
Ron Cross, Its Chairman

Attest:

  
Its Clerk

[County Seal]

## **Exhibit “A”**

### **DIVISION 4. – TRAILERS, RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, INOPERATIVE VEHICLES AND LARGE VEHICLES**

#### **Sec. 82-141. - Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Axle means a supporting shaft or member on which a wheel or pair of wheels revolves.

Boat means a craft designed to float on water.

Bus means a long motor vehicle which is used for carrying passengers.

Camp trailer means a trailer as defined in this section which is pulled behind a motorized vehicle, and is used for recreational camping as a shelter or carrier for equipment.

Inoperative vehicle means a vehicle as defined in this section which, for any reason, is nonoperational.

Limousine means a car licensed to transport passengers in return for payment, typically more luxurious than a taxi and not fitted with a taximeter.

Motor home means a motor vehicle built on a truck or bus chassis, and which is equipped to serve as a self-contained living quarters for recreational travel.

Owner, whenever used in this division in relation to parking a motor vehicle, shall mean and include the titled owner, any person who has purchased the vehicle but not yet applied for title in his name, any operator of the vehicle, any person renting the vehicle and any person who operates a vehicle owned by a business, partnership or corporation.

Portable storage container means a self-storage container that is delivered to and retrieved from a home or business for long term off-site or on-site storage. Portable Storage On Demand or PODS are a familiar trade name for such containers. These containers are not on a chassis and do not have axles or wheels.

Temporary storage container means a portable storage unit that does not have a permanent foundation or footing and which includes cargo containers, portable storage containers, truck trailers, construction trailers, and bulk solid waste containers. Such structures shall not be considered a building.

Trailer means a transport vehicle designed to be hauled by an automobile, truck or tractor, or a furnished van drawn by a truck or automobile and used as a house or office.

Tractor unit means a heavy-duty towing engine that provides motive power for hauling a towed or trailered load, including but not limited to a semi-trailer.

Truck means a motorized vehicle designed and/or used for transporting loads.

Vehicle means a device, such as a motor vehicle or a piece of mechanized equipment, used for transporting passengers, goods, apparatuses or equipment.

(Code 1979, §§ 2-15-20, 2-15-23; Ord. of 4-2-1991, § 1)

**Cross reference**— Definitions generally, § 1-2.

**Sec. 82-142. - Applicability.**

Vehicles and trailers subject to the provisions of this division are defined as inoperative vehicles, tractor units, camper trailers, motor homes, trailers, boats, trucks with more than two axles, buses and construction equipment.

(Code 1979, § 2-15-21)

**Sec. 82-143. - Prohibited conduct; violation; penalties.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for an owner to allow his vehicle and trailer subject to this division to be parked on any public right-of-way, except for loading and unloading, which loading and unloading shall not exceed 12 hours.

(b) Except as provided in Subsection (d), below, it shall be unlawful for an owner to allow his inoperative vehicle, tractor units, trucks with more than two axles, buses or construction equipment to be parked visibly from a public right-of-way in areas zoned R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, PRD, and PUD and in areas used for residential purposes but which are zoned C-1, C-C, C-2, C-3, M-1, M-2, P-1, PDD, and S-1.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any motor home or camper to be used as a residence for a period of time exceeding 14 calendar days in any given calendar year, unless otherwise allowed by Chapter 54.

(d) It shall be lawful for one inoperative vehicle to be parked in areas zoned R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-4, PRD, and PUD and in areas used for residential purposes but which are zoned C-1, C-C, C-2, C-3, M-1, M-2, P-1, PDD, and S-1, if the inoperative vehicle is in the active process of being repaired, is owned by the resident occupant and has a current state license tag. Use of a residential property for repair of an inoperative vehicle shall be limited to no more than 60 days in a calendar year. Such work shall be performed inside a fully enclosed structure.

(e) It shall be unlawful for any temporary storage container or portable storage container, as defined in this division, to be kept on a lot used for residential purposes for more than 14 calendar days in a calendar year. Temporary storage containers and portable storage containers are not permitted to be placed in public right-of-ways.

(f) Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be subject to penalties and costs as set forth in Ordinance 1-9.

(Code 1979, § 2-15-22; Ord. No. 00-10, § 17(b), 10-3-2000)